GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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WATER SHARING DISPUTES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether increasing water disputes and violation of treaties and tribunal awards are straining the relations between States;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to nationalise the rivers or bring any legislation to resolve the issues;and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) Disputes exist between the States on sharing of waters of some inter-State rivers. In some cases, differences in interpreting the clauses of tribunal awards have also arisen between States. Efforts are made by Central Government t o resolve such disputes/differences by negotiations failing which disputes are referred to tribunals for adjudication at the request o f concerned States. There is no proposal at present to nationalize rivers. The Government has amended the inter-State Water Dispute Act in 2002 whereby the adjudication of the water dispute by a Tribunal has been made time-bound.